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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

- Carol Ciesielski** – associate member - CDC/DSTD medical officer Chicago
- Christopher Kochtitzky** – member -Deputy Director-Div Of Human Dev, Coord Center For Health Promotion
- James O. Lewis** member- retired
- Troy Vaughn**-associate member Sr. Public Health Library Specialist CDC Information Center
- Hodelin F. Rene** - reactivation member - NCHSTP-DHAP/IRS



COMMITTEE NEWS:

AWARDS COMMITTEE:

This is your opportunity to make a nomination for HONORARY PHA.

Nominations are due **AUGUST 31, 2006.**

Please send to our President Stacy Harper.

Here are the criteria for the nominees:

1. Must be someone who has never been a PHA;
2. The person shall have made one or more major contributions to the PHA series;
3. Have a record of making a difference on the ability of a significant number PHAs to have a positive impact;

4. To nominate- submit a 1-page justification

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When submitting the nomination keep in mind:

- § The criteria for HONORARY PHA and relate your nomination to the criteria;
- § Be as specific as you can on why the individual deserves to be an HONORARY PHA;
- § Get as many Watsonian Members a possible to sign on to the nomination; and
- § Encourage members to vote for your candidate.

Feel free to resubmit nominations that have been submitted in the past, but did not win the honor. Some previous candidates were very close to being selected.

The Executive Committee reviews all nominations and determines which six nominees will be sent to the general membership for consideration for this year's Honorary PHA. Two individuals can be chosen per year.

GET YOUR NOMINATIONS IN TODAY!!

The list of those already WATSONIAN Honorary PHAs can be viewed at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/watsonian/HonoraryPHAs.HTM>

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FAMILY SUPPORT.

Did you know that the Watsonian Society's Family Support Committee sends cards congratulating members, associates, and other PHAs on accomplishments such as marriage, birth/adoption, obtaining graduate degrees, etc.? In addition, the committee sends condolence cards, flowers and/or memorial charitable contributions to those who have lost a family member and get well cards to those recovering from illness. The PHA grapevine is as strong as ever, but we need your help in identifying people who fall into one of the above categories. If you know of a PHA or member who is deserving of recognition or could use some cheering up after surgery or an illness, please send the information to any Watsonian officer or to **Heather Duncan** of the Family Support Committee. Thanks for your help!

Heather Duncan

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING LOCATION & MEETING DAY CHANGE

Thursday August 17, 2006 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Corporate Square, building 8, room 6B

Call In: Toll free #: 866-732-9603, Passcode 873632

Executive Committee Meeting is open to all

Then we can go for the Watsonian Social directly from the meeting we'll be at the **Tin Roof Cantina, 2591 Briarcliff Road**, at the North Druid Hills corner - between the Chick fil-A and the "side" entrance to the Target Greatland (it's in the building that used to be Miami Subs a few years back). August 17th, 4:30 to ???

NOTE from our PREZ:

My Fellow Watsonians,

I hope that your summer has been relaxing, but also that you've been busy and staying out of trouble! I've been busy and trying to keep the Watsonians and the Public Health Advisor series on everyone's mind during events such as the 60th Anniversary Celebration of CDC. I think the Society has been well represented in several committees, and I believe we even had members participating in the talent show. I want to take a minute and thank EVERYONE who assisted with that event. We had many people show up to assist with making the nearly 200 (!) banners on July 11 at the Famous Pub, including: **Roz Dewart, Angela Marr, Barbara Meek, Marti Remis, Dennis McDowell, Jan Hiland, Ed Friel, Janie Nichols, Dianne Ochoa, Linda Webb, Jerry Shirah,** and others, forgive me for not remembering all of those who helped.

Also, thanks to **Samantha Williams, Marcia Brooks, Dianne Ochoa, and Hope King** who helped WOMAN the booth from 10:00-2:00. We had a lot of interest in the organization, and a lot of requests for mentors from contractors and student workers who have seen Public Health Advisors at work, and want to emulate them.

A BIG thanks to **Bob Kohmescher**, who volunteered to assist **Bill Watson** getting on campus, and to the different events. Bill attended the memorial dedication and the science presentation, and I had the honor of escorting him to the dedication. The entire event was great fun, but a lot of work while the committee was planning these activities. I've sent Bill Boyd pictures of the banner that the Watsonians made, and of the booth, so make sure you keep checking the website for pictures and updates!

Our next order of business is to plan the Annual Banquet. **Ted Pectorius**, our president-elect, has been in contact with a potential speaker, and it will prove to be a very interesting evening. We're busy trying to decide on an exact date, and to move forward with some of those activities.

So, my friends, continue to have a safe and healthy summer. Try to do at least a little exercise every day, because I need you to be healthy to support our many activities!!!

Yours in service,
Stacy Harper, President
Watsonian Society

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**EVENTS HELP NEEDED!**

**HELP! HELP! HELP!**

No, I'm not being attacked by a shark (although I did see a 12 foot shark when I was vacationing in the keys). Nor is my house on fire. And I don't have any flat tires, but I do need help.

**Folks, we need help for EVENTS planning.**

Our Events coordinator had to resign to take care of ill family, and I can't do it alone. We need new volunteers to comprise the committee. The mission of the committee is to:

**Purpose:** To develop and organize activities and special events bringing members, prospective members, friends, and families together.

**Key Activities:** Coordinate annual meeting, social events, receptions, picnics, etc

Out of 691 members, if a few dozen of you volunteer to do one half-hour shifts, we'll be covered. You get to socialize a little, and work a little, and you'll have fun at the same time. You don't have to volunteer for a lifetime, nor for EVERY activity.

Here's a list of areas where just one half hour will make a difference:

**BANQUET**

Ticket sellers for the Banquet  
Ticket takers for the Banquet  
Ticket sellers at the Banquet FOR the pig roast

**PIG ROAST**

Help roast the pig (we have a master BBQ champ who'll command this operation, but he needs a few folks to assist, and we'll keep the costs down)

Help set up  
Help clean up  
Ticket sellers for the pig roast  
Ticket takers for the pig roast  
Barkeeps for the Pig Roast  
Drink coupon sellers for the Pig Roast

**Many hands make light work! !!!!** I saw how you all came together to help me make banners-what I thought would be a 12 hour job became a one and one half hour job! If you didn't make banners, then come take tickets or help clean up at an event for just a little while.

**And if you love the holidays, I have just the job for you-planning the December Holiday Party!!!** So, contact me if you can help, and I'll be in your debt forever

Thanks,  
Stacy

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WATSONIAN CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE:

WATSONIAN BANQUET

Friday, October 13, 2006

Petite Auberge Restaurant

Speaker: Harold Jaffe, MD

Dr. Harold Jaffe authored the first published paper on AIDS, and has been a leader in the fight against HIV/AIDS. He has worked along side numerous Public Health Advisors and truly values their efforts. Dr. Jaffe received his BA from the University of California, Berkeley and his MD from the University of California, Los Angeles. In 1971, he joined The Centers of Disease Control (CDC) as a clinical research investigator with the venereal disease control program. In 1981, he became an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer and joined the CDC Task Force assigned to study the earliest cases of AIDS.

Since leaving the CDC in 2004, he has been establishing a Public Health curriculum as a Dean at Oxford University, England.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: volunteers for this: ticket sellers, ticket takers, etc.

Details on tickets will be available as time gets closer.

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**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**  
**PIG ROAST/BBQ SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4.**

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SAVE THE DATE

Hands On Atlanta Day October 07, 2006

8:45 a.m. - Arrival at project site

9:00 a.m. - Projects begin

12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.. - Celebration of Service

POC : Hope King, MSPH

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The Watsonian Society has grown substantially over the past few years and the activities associated with administering the Society have grown with it. This fact, combined with the Society's continued efforts of involvement in both the CDC and local communities, led the Watsonian Society Executive Committee to hire Jerry Naehr to serve as the Executive Secretary for the Society.

Jerry has indicated that at this juncture, he would like to give someone else the opportunity to serve as Executive Secretary.

I, along with the Executive Committee and the entire society would like to thank him for his tireless efforts in this position. Jerry has been an invaluable asset and resource to all of us, with a great deal of institutional knowledge. On a personal level, he's been a sounding board and someone I've been able to present things to and avoid unintended consequences on many occasions. (He'll be a tough act to follow! How the heck can he remember everyone's name and assignments?)

The Watsonian Society is now seeking nominations for the position of Executive Secretary. The position will pay \$15 per hour for approximately 20 hours per month. The actual number of hours of work to be performed will be determined based on the demands of the job and decided on by the Executive Committee in consultation with the person selected for the job. The Executive Secretary will be paid using Watsonian Society general funds collected through dues payments.

- The potential applicant pool will include retired Watsonian Society members .
- located in the Atlanta area who are available during normal working hours.
- Full-time active CDC employees are **not** eligible. The Executive Committee will be responsible for making the final selection for the position. The period for the Executive Secretary position will be for one year from the date the Executive Secretary begins work, but may be extended as the Executive Committee sees fit.

## Executive Secretary Duties

1. Attending all Executive Committee Meetings and other Watsonian Society events as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
  2. Assist the Events Committee in the coordination and conduct of Watsonian Society social events as needed.
  3. Assists the President-elect and Exemplar with the Honorary PHA election process, and;
  4. Forward any correspondence about Watsonian Society members to the communications committee, and ensure the information is included in the newsletter.
- Interested? Know someone who would be good for the job?  
Please forward their name to Stacy Harper:

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CONDOLENCES

Karen Richard-Lee's mother Amelda Jean Richard, passed away July 5th in Chicago. Jean Richard was the clinic manager at the 13th Street STD Clinic in Chicago. Many PHA's who began their career in Chicago will remember Jean Richard walking the halls of the clinic making sure everything was moving along with no problems. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the American Cancer Society.

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https://www.cancer.org/docroot/DON/DON_1_Donate_Online_Now.asp

The obit:

"Amelda "Jean" Richard was born May 23, 1935 in Chicago, IL. She was one of six children born to Grayson and Ellee Sewell. Amelda was educated in Chicago Public Schools and graduated from Jean Baptiste Point duSable High School in June 1953.

As a young girl, Amelda began her spiritual life at Coppin Memorial A.M.E. In 1968, Amelda was baptized and confirmed Catholic as a member of St. Kilian Parish.

In 1957, Amelda was joined in holy matrimony to Theodore Richard and to this union, two daughters were born, Laura and Karen.

Amelda spent most of her professional life with the Chicago Department of Health Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Program. Through hard work, Amelda advanced from a clerk typist to a well-respected manager within the STD Program. Over the years, Amelda lead by example, mentoring several others in both their professional and personal lives.

A 12-year breast cancer survivor, Amelda was diagnosed with lung cancer in November 2005. Peacefully, she began her journey into eternal life on Wednesday, July 5, 2006.

Left with joyful memories are two loving daughters, Laura Lipscomb (Derald) of Chicago; Karen Richard-Lee (Thedford) of Atlanta; one sister, Alfrieda Moore; one stepson, Lance Richard; and one grandson, Eric Lipscomb, all of Chicago, and two granddaughters, Lauren and Tiffany Lee of Atlanta. She also leavers to cherish her memory a host of relatives and friends.

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### Thank you:

Can you please pass on to the Watsonian Society members my appreciation and deepest thanks for the contribution made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in honor

of my father, Sim Liddon, MD who passed away on June 18th I am truly touched to receive the kindness and compassion of so many wonderful people. I was not expecting to be so moved by such outreach, but am humbled by the kindness. It has taught me a life's lesson that I will not ever forget and will be sure to pass along in the future.

Thank you so much for thinking of my family and the many who wait for treatment and cure of this disease.

**Nicole Liddon**

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AWARDS and CEREMONY:

CDC Continues Honor Awards Tradition, 8/2/2006

On July 13, CDC continued the tradition of honoring those individuals and groups for their service and dedication to public health, during the 54th Annual CDC/ATSDR Honor Awards ceremony. Master of Ceremony, **Steve Thacker, MD, MSc**, director, OWCD, warmed up the crowd with his humor-infused welcome, before turning over the mike to CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH.

"Today, we get to honor some recognized stars whose individual or team work has really stood out and who have made important contributions or important progress for this agency," said Gerberding during opening remarks.

"There is a star in every person at CDC," she continued, "and when you sit and look at what each individual of our community contributes to better health protection around the world and what we do collectively to make a difference, you'll find every day that everyone deserves an award and should be sharing in the acknowledgement and recognition of achievement presented today."

Gerberding went on to thank the honorees, their respective teammates and those who took time to nominate the honorees. This year's celebration marked a bittersweet period for CDC as three award recipients received their acknowledgements posthumously. The awards ceremony featured 22 categories and honored 61 individuals and groups. In addition, Commissioned Corps Officers were recognized for their outstanding achievements or service to public health. The award winners are listed at the end of this article.

21st William Watson Award

Kevin M. DeCock, MD, NCHSTP, received the William C. Watson, Jr., Medal of Excellence for his visionary leadership and dedication to improving the lives of people with HIV/AIDS. DeCock was unable to attend the ceremony, but the significance and magnitude of the award was not lost on him.

"I feel deeply honored and more than a little surprised," he said in a thank-you note shared with the audience. "It has been a privilege and a source of quiet pride to represent CDC domestically and internationally. Thank you most sincerely for this award."

Making for a proud, yet somber occasion was the awarding of the William C. Watson, Jr., Medal of Excellence to Laura Saltzman, PhD, NCIPC, who died March 8, 2005. She was one of three who received posthumous acknowledgements—Eugene Releford, OD, Award for Volunteer Service, and Ida M. Onorato, MD (CAPT, USPHS), NCHSTP, Meritorious Service Medal, were the other two.

Saltzman received the medal for her groundbreaking contributions to the prevention of intimate partner and family violence and to public health surveillance of violence against women. Her partner, Charles Weeks, accepted the medal. The CDC Foundation has established a memorial fund in her honor.

The William C. Watson, Jr., Medal of Excellence is the highest honor bestowed by CDC/ATSDR. The medal, established in 1977, was originally called the CDC Medal of Excellence. In 1985, it was renamed the William C. Watson, Jr., Medal of Excellence on the occasion of the former CDC Deputy Director's retirement from CDC.

Bill Watson and his wife, Marge, are long-time supporters of CDC and the CDC Foundation. They have donated generously their time, effort, and money to establish an endowment fund that allows for a cash prize to accompany the William C. Watson, Jr., Medal of Excellence. (See Inside Story on Bill Watson.)

Charles Stokes, president and CEO of the CDC Foundation, and Watson made brief remarks prior to presenting the William C. Watson, Jr., Medal of Excellence to the honorees. "This medal is like the Nobel prize for these people who each year we honor as the best of the best," said Stokes.

This is the third year recipients have received a medal. Last year, Roger (Mike) Parvin, NCCDPHP, took home the special medal, which contains Watson's image on the front and on the back notes values of "commitment, leadership, health, spirit, and vision" that are the hallmark of CDC.

Following closing remarks by Thacker, the ceremony ended with a reception.
CDC/ATSDR Honor Awards Winners

William C. Watson, Jr., medal of excellence award: Kevin M. DeCock, NCHSTP; Linda Saltzman, NCIPC.

Public health administrative support award: Constance D. Henderson, NCHSTP; Alan W. Sims, OD; acquisition and assistance branch 1, team 2, PGO.

Silo busters: collaborative success award: measles outbreak response team for refugees from Nairobi, Kenya, NCID.

Communication services award: Judy M. Gantt, NCHM; Jeffrey McKenna, NCCDPHP; CDC broadcast facility operations group, NCHM.

Contributions to health, safety, and workplace wellness award: Ray W. Butler, NCHSTP; tobacco-free campus workgroup, NCCDPHP.

Employee equity award: Joann M. Thierry, NCBDDD; Denita Dean, NCCDPHP; disability and health team, NCBDDD.

Facilities planning and management services award: Robert L. Young, NCHS; administrative operations activity team, NCHS.

Global health achievement award: Jona Consentino, NCID; Daniele S. Lantagne, NCID; global measles branch, NIP.

Information services award: Darryl Owens, NCIPC; Anatoly S. Frolov, NCID; national program of cancer registries-modeling electronic reporting project team, NCCDPHP.

Partners in public health improvement award: Marie Legg, NCIPC; Sharon Rolando, NCID; Daniel D. Watch, NCEH/ATSDR; TB program area module team, NCHSTP; United States Air Force aerial spray flight team, NCID.

Excellence in business systems and services awards: Maggie La Guins, NCID; Louise Williams, NCEH/ATSDR; Tracy Badsgard, NCID; CoCHP business service unit, NCCDPHP; united financial management system team, OD.

Excellence in systems for program operations award: Darlene C. Brady, NCID; Scott G. Drexler, OD; biosense team, NCPHI.

Customer service award: Winda Graves-Teal, NCHSTP; Michelle Russell, NCID; division of healthcare quality promotion response team, NCID.

Public health epidemiology and laboratory research award: Richard S. Jones, NCEH; Elizabeth T. Luman, NIP; pandemic emergency preparedness group, NCID.

Public health protection research award: Ella Samandar, NCEH; Patricia I. Fields, NCID; safe water system research team, NCID.

Public health statistical research and services award: Fangjun Zhou, NIP; national survey of family growth team, NCHS.

Contributions to employee motivation and development award: Ethleen Lloyd, NCHSTP; DASH wellness team, NCCDPHP; NCHM transition team, NCHM.

Award for volunteer service: Eugene Releford (Deceased), OD.

James Virgil Peavy workforce development award: -Audriene C. Bishop-Cline, NCHSTP; FETP curriculum project group, CoGH.

Health equity award: Robert C. Holman; NCID; George Mensah, NCCDPHP; Reach 2010, NCCDPHP; TB African-American awareness group, NCHSTP; wisewoman team, NCCDPHP.

Excellence in innovation award: Augusto Lopez, CoGH; **Lynn Mercer**, NCHSTP; emergency communication response team, NCHM; yellow book publication group, NCID.

Commissioned Corps Officers Award Winners
Distinguished service medals were awarded to 27 officers.:

This Inside Story by Yolanda Barnes.

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**SPECIAL NOTICES:**

To ALL Watsonian Members

The National Association of ACTIVE and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will hold its annual luncheon picnic on September 20, 2006 at Mason Mill Park, 2340 McConnell Dr. Decatur (off of Clairmont Road) from 10:30 am to 1 pm. Food service will begin around 11-11:30 am with the time before then as "social" time. We will have baked and fried chicken and all the "fixens." The cost is \$10 per person.

You are invited and welcome. In order to adequately plan for the correct amount of food, please pay in advance for each person. You can make your payment to Fred Martich, 4056 White Oak Lane, Lilburn, GA 30047. Make checks payable to NARFE. Please let us know if you are coming. You can also contact **Fred Martich** Thanks

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Hi Rita,

I'm not sure of the way to do this, but I have some information I wanted to share with my Watsonian friends about my wife Diane. Diane is always engaged in one activity or another trying to do her part in making a difference in the lives of others.

As a member of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team In Training, Diane will complete the Nike Women's Marathon on October 22. Diane and all of the others involved with Team In Training are raising funds to help find cures for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. She has made this commitment because she has been impacted by blood cancers.

Her grandfather died of lymphoma; the mother of a close friend died from leukemia; husbands of two neighbors died from leukemia; and my son's junior high coach died from leukemia just last month.

The money that Diane raises will benefit research, patient services, education, and community service conducted by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. With your support, she hopes to help the nearly 300 people a day who are diagnosed with blood cancers.

She is hoping to have the funds raised by August 25. To make a contribution, simply go to her Team In Training website - <http://www.active.com/donate/tntsoh/tntsohDGoodri>

James Goodrich, MD, MPH
Honorary PHA 2000

Diane D. Goodrich

The main website for more information on the group is: http://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/all_page?item_id=8348

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**BABIES- our FUTURE PHAs!**

From **Liz O'Mara Sage** -

Dear All,

... Just wanted you to know how much we appreciate all the calls and well wishes. I'm afraid that I am turning into "one of those mother types" I thought I'd never be - totally in love and cannot leave his side!

For those of you who have not heard - sorry - *Michael* was born on July 19th weighing 6.6 pounds and was 19 inches long. He is already back up to 6.8 pounds and is obviously eating well - reason why I am so exhausted!

Cheers everyone!!

Liz ( **Mike Sage** is the "other" parent)

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July 17, 2006, at 5:17 p.m., **Kate and Ricky Guillen** were blessed with a 7lb.1oz. bouncing baby boy. Mom and Dad chose the name : *Mateo Guillen*- means "gift from God", or something close to that in a loose translation from Spanish to English; mother and baby doing fine.

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Welcome to *Hannah Noelani Nehal* - July 14, 2006 at 8:14 AM 5 lbs 12 Oz and 19 inches long (yes, full term). Healthy, strong and beautiful!

Elinor and **Jason Nehal**

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Bill Comeaux is excited to announce the arrival of his newest grandbaby (**# 7**), *William Louis Davis*, who arrived on June 19, 2006 in Lafayette, Louisiana. Mother, father, William and sister, Kennedy, are all doing well. Bill is now looking forward to # 8 who is scheduled to arrive October 20th.

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**Ken Shilkret** is a grandpa- Son (Todd) and Daughter-in-Law (Eva) are proud parents of a son *Nathaniel Virgil Shilkret* at 6:10 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1st. His vitals: 8 lbs 20 oz and 20" in length (height?) All are doing well. I will be heading to Langhorne tomorrow to see the newest member of our family.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

I am pleased to announce that Christine Branche, Ph.D., Director of the Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention (DUIP) at CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, has accepted a six-month detail position as the Office of Strategy and Innovation's (OSI) Acting Goals Team Leader, beginning July 10, 2006. We are thrilled that a person of Dr. Branche's calibre and experience will be leading the next phase of implementation of goals management.

Dr. Branche is known for her effective leadership in managing the mission of DUIP. She began her career at CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer in the U.S. Public Health Service, Division of Injury Epidemiology and Control. Dr. Branche was the team leader for the pilot effort at CDC examining adolescent health in 2004, and was the lead division director for the Adolescent Health Trailblazer in 2005. She has done extensive work in injury prevention including such areas as drowning, water recreation, sports, and fire-related injury prevention. Her scientific investigations include fatal and

nonfatal drowning in adults and children, personal water craft, boating, spinal cord water-related injuries and falls among adults and construction workers. She also conducted a study with the U.S. Coast Guard on injuries related to boat and boat-propellers. Recently, Dr. Branche completed chairing the Epidemiology of Drowning Task Force for the World Congress on Drowning, hosted by the Dutch Society to Prevent Drowning, as well as, published work on drowning prevention in the new Handbook on Drowning. She has authored several scientific publications, including many which uncover new problems in injury control.

Dr. Branche has provided technical consultation to many U.S. and international organizations including the American Red Cross, the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Football League, and the International Consumer Product Health and Safety Organization.

Dr. Branche received her B.A. in biology from the University of Rochester in New York, and her M.S.P.H. and Ph.D. in epidemiology from the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill. During her coursework at UNC, she was a National Science Foundation Fellow. While completing her Ph.D., she worked as an Epidemiology Research Associate at Burroughs Wellcome Company (now Glaxo Smith Kline), where she gained expertise in pharmaco-epidemiology. At CDC, Dr. Branche has received numerous awards for her research and leadership.

Dr. Branche is a Public Health Leadership Institute scholar and serves on the advisory boards for the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute, the International Association of Firefighters, and the Center to Protect Workers' Rights.

During Dr. Branche's detail to OSI, Ms. Cynthia S. Whitt, who is currently the Deputy Director for DUIP, will serve as the Acting Director of DUIP.

I know that I can count on your enthusiastic support of Dr. Branche in this important role at CDC.

Bradley A. Perkins, M.D., M.B.A., CAPT, USPHS
Acting Director, Office of Strategy and Innovation

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I am pleased to announce that Dr. Blake Caldwell will be joining CCID on a detail to lead the Healthy Healthcare Settings Goal Team beginning Monday, July 10th.

Dr. Caldwell joined CDC in 1989 to work on pediatric HIV. In 1995 she moved to the Office of Managed Care, later renamed the Office of Healthcare Partnerships under her leadership. During this period she was a member to the Committee on Performance Measurement where she was instrumental in the AHRQ and CMS collaboration to infuse HEDIS with public health issues. To support the HEDIS development process, she formed the CDC-wide Performance Measurement Working Group. She was a founding member of the Committee on Child and Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative and served as the CDC representative to JCAHO's Professional and Technical Advisory Committee (JCAHO PTAC), among others.

Most recently Dr. Caldwell has been a senior advisor to the director in CoCHIS where she acted as the lead for BioSense. She was also acting co-director for CoCHIS.

Many of you already know Dr. Caldwell. We are fortunate to have her leading the Healthy Healthcare Settings Goal Team; she brings a long history of working broadly across CDC and with the healthcare delivery community on quality and public health issues. Please join me in welcoming Blake to CCID.

Meredith Hickson, MPH  
Acting Strategy and Innovation Officer, CCID

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I am pleased to announce that Stephanie B. Coursey Bailey, M.D., M.S., has accepted the position of Chief, Public Health Practice. Dr. Bailey will join CDC by October 1, 2006. The work of CDC's Office of Public Health Practice focuses on public health law, public health system standards, agency accreditation, and emerging issues and opportunities in public health practice. Dr. Bailey brings great experience, knowledge, and skill to this position and will enhance CDC's commitment to state and local health departments and healthcare providers. She will also facilitate the advancement of innovative practices that contribute to the overall improvement of the health system.

I thank Dr. Tony Moulton for acting in this role while also balancing the demands of Co-Director of CDC's Public Health Law Program. His dedication and numerous contributions have been outstanding.

Dr. Bailey received her M.D. in 1976 from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee. She also earned a Masters of Science in Health Services Administration in 1993 from the College of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois. She received her B.A. in Psychology in 1972 from Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts.

In 1981, Dr. Bailey joined the Metropolitan Health Department of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee, as a Public Health Medical Doctor. From this position, she was promoted in 1988 to Medical Director and Director of Bureau of Health Services and in 1995 was appointed the Director of Health for the Department. During her early career, she served as a Public Health Medical Doctor and as a physician in the National Health Services Corps providing health care in rural Dickson County, Tennessee.

Dr. Bailey's impact on the excellence of public health practice and programs in Nashville and Davidson County is tremendous. She spearheaded the *Bridges to Care Program*, which has linked more than 26,000 uninsured residents to health care through a public/private consortium since 2000. Her community strategic effort, *STDFREE*, has contributed to the shift in Nashville's ranking as the number 1 city for syphilis to number 7 in less than 2 years; as of 2004, ranked 22; and was out of the top 40 cities in 2005. Her leadership, innovation, and expertise also facilitated adding a health component to the jail system, establishing an employee wellness program Metro-wide, and has incorporated learning and ongoing training into her Department as well as in the community and at local universities.

She is author or co-author of numerous publications, is a long-time member of the American Public Health Association (APHA), the American Medical Association, and the National Association of County and City Health Officials. Dr. Bailey also has served and/or currently serves on several committees at CDC, including the National Advisory Committee to the Director, National Rural Health Committee, the Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis, the National Interagency Committee on Smoking and

Health, National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke, Public Health Law Conference planning and faculty, Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Policy Expert Panel, Taskforce on Public Health Workforce Development, and the National Exploring Accreditation Steering Committee. Dr. Bailey is also a member of numerous state and local associations, committees, as well as other organizations like Public Health Leadership Society and Public Health Foundation.

Her academic affiliations are numerous, including adjunct faculty member at Tennessee State University; Florida A&M, School of Public Health; Meharry Medical College; and the Public Health Institute/Leadership Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has received numerous public health service awards, including the Nashville Urban Journal's *Person of the Year* award, APHA's Roemer award, the Association for State and Territorial Health Officer's Excellence in Public Health for Local Practice, and the AMA's *Dr. Nathan B. Davis Award* for Outstanding Government Service in the category of Career Public Servant at the local level.

Dr. Bailey is a true leader with vision, drive, ability, and innovation and will provide key programmatic and scientific perspective to CDC management. Please join me in welcoming her to CDC!

Julie Louise Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H.
Celebrating CDC's First 60 Years!

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Please join me in congratulating **Joel "Franklin" Fletcher** on his promotion, effective August 6th, to Special Projects Coordinator within the Program and Training Branch. Franklin will be working on guidelines development (e.g., POG) and other special projects on behalf of the branch. He comes to us with a wealth of field experience in multiple locations. He was most recently in Tallahassee Florida coordinating special projects with corrections and CBOs.

Thanks,  
Kim

**Kim Seechuk**  
Acting Chief  
Program and Training Branch  
Division of STD Prevention

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TDY/ PROMOTION/ TRANSFERS

Vernell Fields has joined DTBE in the Field Services and Evaluation Branch. Her career in public health started in 1988, when she became a CDC Public Health Advisor (PHA) in the STD/HIV Division in Miami, Florida. Vernell also worked in a Tampa, Florida, STD/HIV clinic, where she worked on various studies related to the prevention of and early testing for HIV. She then worked in Baltimore, Maryland, as an STD surveillance supervisor as well as a jail coordinator, returning to Miami, Florida, in 1995 as a front-line supervisor and clinic manager. In 2000, Vernell transferred to Nashville, Tennessee, where she served as a Special Project Coordinator with various community-based organizations in the area of STD/HIV. Also, as a PHA assigned to the Metro Health Department (Nashville), and a team member of the Health Promotion Unit, Vernell was involved in other health-related education activities. Some of these activities included

providing high-risk groups with creative and age-appropriate intervention presentations, such as a haunted house at Tennessee State University, the 92Q radio station Sky Show, the Faces of AIDS Exhibit, and National HIV Testing Day. In addition, she worked on the RAID ethnographic community assessment process report, which was conducted in 2001 at the Metro Health Department.

Vernell transferred not just to a new duty station but to a new program as well in moving from the Nashville STD program to DTBE in June 2006. She is now assigned to the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, health department. Vernell received a bachelor of science degree from Texas A&M University, Commerce, Texas, and recently earned a graduate certificate in public health from the University of Washington at Seattle Effective June 2006

Subroto Banerji, MPH, of DTBE's Field Services and Evaluation Branch was selected for a Public Health Advisor (PHA) position with the CDC Global AIDS Program (GAP). He begins his new position with GAP on September 4. Subroto will be relocating to Pretoria, South Africa, with his wife, Melissa Amaro. (Melissa was also a CDC PHA, working for the Division of STD Prevention in California from 1990 to 1998 with assignments in Los Angeles and Alameda counties.) In his new role, Subroto will serve as Activity Manager for PEPFAR-funded projects with a focus on TB and TB/HIV surveillance, expansion of HIV services for TB patients, and TB screening and treatment for HIV clients as well as blood and injection safety and program evaluation. Subroto will continue to receive e-mail at his CDC email address. Effective September 2006

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**MEMBER NEWS:**

"Recent message from **Laura Shelby** to **Fred Martich**"

Hey. How are you? School here has been a great experience. The best part of it is the diversity of the student population. There are people from 50 plus countries here. Overall, its been a pretty positive experience. I am working on my masters thesis now - this is the last part of a year long journey. Phew! I will be moving to Atlanta when I get back with a tinge of regret because you know how much I loved my assignment with IHS. All good things but come to an end and who knows whats around the corner? Anyway, it will be nice to see people in Atlanta. I am not too sure when my report date is but most likely in late September.

See you then.  
Laura

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Jason Nehal news:

Aloha and Hi there - sorry I've been out of touch for so long. The computer has been in pieces for over a month and even though we have the laptop - everyone's e-mail address was on the desktop rather than the laptop.

But we are up and running now and getting ready for the new baby and adjusting to the move etc.

For those of you not up to date - Our landlord decided to sell his house and we had to find a new place to live by the end of June, making that more difficult was the fact that

Jason's one year contract with HMSA was up in the middle of May and for a long time we didn't know if they were going to renew his contract for another year - it made looking for a place really difficult because we could not prove his income or continued employment. And of course baby number 3's due date was looming at July 19th. So we faced the prospect of no job, no place to live and a new baby happening all at once. Welcome to paradise! Lucky you live Hawaii

So finally in the end of April HMSA decided to extend Jason so we could effectively look for a new place to live. (meanwhile he was still mining any and all options for employment especially back with the Fed Govt in order to get his years in) We found a new place and moved in during June and it is a nice house still in Kailua smaller than we had before but it has a huge yard that is great for kids, quiet street, walking distance to just about everything in Kailua and Rebecca already knows some of the kids in the neighborhood.

Recently some good news came in on the job front for Jason - he was offered and accepted an associate supervisor position with the US Post Office and will start with them on August 7th, he will go in with his 13-1/2 years seniority restored, his sick/leave time reinstated, his retirement will continue as though he didn't have a 15 month gap without federal employment and his federal benefits will return. We are very happy about that!

The new address is 186 Ohana Street, Kailua, HI 96734 - our mailing address has also changed and is now 25 Maluniu Ave Suite 102 PMB 224, Kailua, HI 96734. We got rid of our 'land line' phone number over a year ago and you can reach us on our cell phones - Jason at 808-230-3176 and myself at 808-230-3175.

On other fronts the new baby is due any day now and I'm predicting today or tomorrow (yes today or tomorrow!), we're as ready as we'll be but the house is still an array of boxes and stuff to get ready for a big yard sale in August. Sarah knows something is up but has no idea what is coming, Rebecca is more prepared as she went through this when Sarah was on her way last year. It's gonna be exciting around here.

Rebecca is getting ready to start second grade in a few weeks and is very excited about it. The schools have gone to a modified year round schedule so she starts on August 1st after a 7 week summer. She's become quite a reader and loves that we can walk to the library from our new location - she also loves to ride her bike a lot but is not so good at stopping when she is supposed to (like at intersections) so she's been grounded from riding it a few times already - gonna have to learn! She's also looking forward to AYSO soccer this fall and practices and then games should be starting in August - we'll have to talk to her coach (Jason) about all of that fun stuff. She is growing like a weed and is again the tallest 7 year old I know - she tells me that there is one other kid in her grade who is taller than her but I've not seen him - I'm pretty sure she is the tallest and she's grown at least an inch or two just this summer.

Sarah is also growing like crazy and mimicking everything she sees. She's learning words and repeating a lot of things as well. It'll be interesting to see how she deals with a new sibling only 17 months younger than her - I'm sure as they get older they'll end up being pretty close but at this age it's going to be interesting.

We're told number 3 is also a girl (98%) chance and we've chosen the name Hannah Noelani - if by chance we fall into that 2% then we'll be looking at Jack Anthony and as I said earlier it should be in the next few days - we'll keep you all posted.

I hope all of you are well and would love to hear back when you get a chance - I know I'm bad at keeping up correspondence but I'll try to be better at least while on maternity leave.

Take care - lots of Aloha

Jason Nehal

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## RETIREMENTS

*Farewell celebration for*

**Claire V. Broome, M.D.**

August 18, 2006

**2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

CDC, Roybal Campus- Clifton Atlanta, GA

Global Communications Center, Bldg 19, Auditorium B

Our esteemed friend and colleague, Dr. Claire Broome, will be leaving the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in August after twenty-eight years at the agency. Since joining CDC as an EIS officer in 1977, she has had productive and innovative collaborations with friends and colleagues throughout CDC, including bacterial disease prevention, vaccine evaluation, surveillance science, injury prevention, science administration, CDC leadership, and integrated surveillance systems. Her accomplishments with domestic and global partners advanced CDC and public health, such as her leadership in the WHO program to accelerate availability of new meningococcal and pneumococcal vaccines for developing countries.

### **Career summary:**

After graduating from Harvard in 1970, she spent a year in Colombia on a Rockefeller Fellowship. She received an M.D. from Harvard Medical School in 1975, and trained in Internal Medicine at the University of California San Francisco, and in Infectious Diseases at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

As an EIS officer in 1977, she was assigned to the Special Pathogens Branch in the Bacterial Disease Division where she worked on Legionnaires' Disease, pneumococcal vaccine evaluation, meningococcal disease, and Toxic Shock Syndrome; she returned from her fellowship to be Branch Chief from 1981-1990. Notable accomplishments included development of a new method for observational measurement of the effectiveness of the pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (the "indirect cohort" method), a method used since then to assess serotype specific effectiveness, duration of effectiveness, and effectiveness in groups with underlying disease; design of field trials to evaluate vaccine performance, including duration of meningococcal vaccine effectiveness in Burkina Faso; Group B meningococcal vaccine efficacy in 100,000 schoolchildren in Cuba; and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b conjugate vaccine impact on pneumonia in the Gambia, the first "vaccine probe" study; creation of funded population-

based active surveillance sites for invasive bacterial pathogens (the forerunner of domestic Emerging Infections Programs); and demonstration that epidemic and sporadic listeriosis was a food-borne disease.

She became CDC's Associate Director for Science in 1990; in July 1991, CDC Director Dr. William Roper asked her to be the Acting Director of the newly created National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, where she had the opportunity of creating an organizational structure to improve the interface between academic research, intra-mural research, and state injury control programs. In 1994, CDC Director Dr. David Satcher appointed her Deputy Director of CDC and Associate Administrator of ATSDR. As Deputy Director, she worked with colleagues throughout the agencies on many challenging issues; accomplishments included folic acid supplementation in foods; implementation of the Senior Biomedical Research Service at CDC; and implementation of the Vaccines for Children program.

During this period, she also continued to serve as chairperson of the WHO Steering Committee for Encapsulated Bacteria, which was responsible for funding and implementing a research portfolio on vaccines needed to prevent bacterial meningitis and pneumonia in developing countries (part of the WHO Programme for Vaccine Development, a predecessor of the CVI and GAVI). The group provided key leadership in identifying pneumococcal protein antigens as promising vaccine candidates, furthering open international evaluation of group B meningococcal vaccines, as well as initiating evaluation of a group A meningococcal conjugate vaccine for the African meningitis belt. In 1999, she took on the challenge of providing public health leadership for CDC's effort to integrate disease surveillance using new internet technology. She led the development and implementation of the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System, a project to transform public health surveillance in the US by automatically transmitting public health relevant diagnostic laboratory test results to public health departments. These systems use the same standards which have been endorsed for clinical Electronic Health Records; over half the states in the country are now implementing one or more NEDSS functions. She also served as a CDC participant in national public private consortia to accelerate standards based Electronic Health Records.

Dr. Broome has provided expert advice to many groups, including WHO (Scientific Advisory Group on Vaccines); the US FDA (member, and now consultant to Vaccines and Related Biologicals Advisory Committee); USAID (Consultative Group on Vaccine Development, Children's Vaccine Initiative Project); NIH; Burroughs Wellcome Fund and the Wellcome Trust, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Her honors and awards include membership in the Institute of Medicine, 1996; the Squibb Award for Excellence of Achievement in Infectious Diseases from the Infectious Diseases Society of America; the American Public Health Association's John Snow Award; the PHS Distinguished Service Medal; the Surgeon General's Medallion, and co-authorship on papers which have received CDC's Charles Shepard award, and five Alexander Langmuir awards.

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Dr. Sattin is the Associate Director for Science, Division of Injury Response, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, CDC. He graduated from Dartmouth College (AB) in 1972, and from Tufts University School of Medicine (MD) in 1976. He also attended the History department of the University College London, England from 1971

through 1972. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, was elected as a fellow of the American College of Physicians in 1992, and is board eligible in Preventive Medicine. From 1979 through 1981, he worked as an Emergency Department physician in Western Massachusetts and Northern Connecticut.

In 1981, Dr. Sattin joined the Epidemic Intelligence Service at the CDC and completed a preventive medicine residency there in 1984. After working in the areas of cancer epidemiology, reproductive health, and serving on the Kaposi Sarcoma and Opportunistic Infection Taskforce, he began work in injury prevention in the Chronic Disease Division, Center for Environmental Health, in 1984. From 1998 through 2000, he worked in the Office of the Director, CDC, on the Prevention Research Initiative, but returned to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control in 2000. He has been nominated for the CDC Charles C. Shepard Science Award five times, received numerous Public Health Service awards, and has served on many CDC and interagency committees.

Dr. Sattin will assume the position of Professor and Director of Research, Department of Emergency Medicine, Medical College of Georgia, beginning October 1, 2006.

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**Retirement of Martha S. Miller.**

Martha is an Epidemiologist with the HIV Incidence and Case Surveillance Branch, Division HIV/AIDS Prevention, National Center for HIV, Hepatitis, STD, TB Prevention, CDC. She graduated from Auburn University in 1966. After raising two daughters, she entered graduate school at Emory University where she received an MPH in Epidemiology in 1992. Ms. Miller has received numerous academic awards and several recognition awards for her service at CDC, with her most recent award being the Director's Recognition Award, December 2005 for her outstanding contribution to the development of the Technical Guidance for HIV/AIDS Surveillance.

In 1993, she began her professional career with CDC/ATSDR. Her first position was with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) as an epidemiologist where she served as principal investigator for a large environmental health study. She was hired in 1996 with the Prevention Services Research Branch, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention, CDC to coordinate a set of national studies on the seroincidence and seroprevalence of HIV infection among entrants to drug treatment centers, STD centers, and correctional facilities. In 2004, she accepted her current position with HICSB. We will miss her greatly; however, we are very happy for her as she retires and has the opportunity to pour her energies and efforts into her family, community, and personal interests.

Martha is looking forward to the birth of a new grandbaby in August. In addition, she is looking forward to relocating to the North Georgia Mountains with her husband, enjoying lots of hiking and trail maintenance with the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club, volunteering to help foster children through the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, pursuing her interests in conservation and environmental issues, and sleeping late.

**James M. Smith, Ph.D., Associate Director for Radiation, EHHE, NCEH**

James M. Smith, Ph.D., of the National Center for Environmental Health, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects retired on June 30, 2006, and immediately

took some well deserved time off during the month of July to travel to Utah with his wife, June. A belated farewell reception honoring Jim has now been planned for August 11th, from 2 – 4 p.m. at Chamblee 102, Rooms 2201/2202.

As many of you know, Jim trained as an experimental physicist at West Virginia University, and began his public health career as a member of the research faculty at the University of Utah School of Medicine in 1974. He was recruited by Dr. Barry Johnson in 1983 to become Chief of the Physical Agents Effects Branch at NIOSH in Cincinnati and in 1990 by Dr. Henry Falk at NCEH to develop a radiation health effects program. Jim then became the first Chief of the Center's newly established Radiation Studies Branch.

Following the events of 9/11, Jim moved to Associate Director for Radiation in NCEH's Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects where he has participated in a number of national and international working groups on nuclear and radiological terrorism response, including those for the International Atomic Energy Agency, the Secretary's Global Health Security Action Group, and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Jim is a recipient of the PHS Superior Service Award and was appointed a CDC Distinguished Consultant in 2001. He plans to continue pursuit of his professional interests at a "slightly slower pace" as an Adjunct Professor in Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health. Jim and his wife, June, will reside in Braselton, GA.

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CDC CELEBRATES 60 YEARS!

CDC Connects > **CDC Celebrates 60 Years!** 7/20/2006

This is the first in a series of articles on CDC's 60th anniversary celebration. Coming soon, we'll feature the celebrations outside Atlanta!

Science and sack races, cakes and climbing, talent and trivia: all were part of the agenda at CDC's 60th anniversary celebration in Atlanta last week. A crowd of employees and retirees turned out for the festive event, a day-long celebration of CDC's first 60 years.

The day began with early morning walks—a salute to fitness—and ended with a rousing talent show that had the audience on its feet cheering and singing along.

Memorial Dedication Headlines the Day

CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, welcomed participants at the CDC Public Health Memorial Dedication and employee recognition ceremony at the new memorial on the Roybal campus. "I can not think of a better way to formally begin the celebration of CDC's 60th Anniversary than to be with all of you on this beautiful summer day. All of you have made and are continuing to make CDC the premiere public health agency throughout the world. Every day we strive to have greater health impact and to reduce health disparities in our nation and in our global community. Thank you for being the best at what you do and for all you do."

She also recognized the project's co-chairs. "We are indeed fortunate that Dr. **David Sencer**, CDC's longest tenured Director supported this idea. Dr. Sencer served as CDC's Director from 1966-1977. We are fortunate not only because of his leadership but also because of his steel-trap memory. The other CDC leader who co-chaired this

Committee is **Dr. Jim Curran**, formerly Associate Director for HIV/AIDS. Dr. Curran retired from CDC and the Commissioned Corps in 1995 as an Assistant Surgeon General to become Dean of the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University.”

Curran talked about the memorial and what it stands for. “It is always great to walk across the street and come home. CDC was my home for almost 25 years. So indeed it was an honor to be asked to serve on this Committee. But before I talk specifically about the memorial and its committee, I do want to acknowledge that not only is this CDC’s 60th anniversary, but this year also marks the 25th year since the first cases of AIDS were recognized in the U.S. The 25 years of cutting-edge scientific and programmatic work around HIV/AIDS in the United States and around the world by so many CDC employees indeed exemplifies why we should have this memorial. It is fitting to have a place to honor those employees who died in the service of their country and to have a place where all employees can reflect upon the great mission of this agency and to be refreshed in their commitment to their work.”

He also discussed the policy for the memorial.

CDC will manage and maintain the Public Health Memorial to honor all those CDC employees who have given their lives to help realize the goal of healthy people in a healthy world.

The memorial will contain the names of all CDC employees who have died from injury, accident, or illness as a direct result of their public health duties.

The memorial and surrounding green space will be preserved as a place of remembrance and meditation where all CDC personnel and visitors may visit. The memorial is intended as an outdoor sanctuary to enhance the spirit and provide a place of solitude and solidarity with others in the past and present who share the passion of making the world a healthier and safer place to live and work.

At this time, there is one name inscribed on the Memorial. There are two other people who died in the workplace in 1977 and CDC is contacting their families regarding adding their names to the Memorial. (CDC Connects will have more on that when it happens.) “One name that is not on the Memorial is Dr. Louise Martin who died in the Embassy explosion in 1998 in Kenya,” explained Curran, “because at that time she was not employed by CDC. Regardless she is part of the spirit of the Memorial as are the many members of the CDC family who have shared in the mission of this agency.”

The one name on the Memorial is that of Paul C. Schnitker, MD. He was an EIS officer in the EIS Class of 1969 who died on November 20, 1969, when the plane carrying him to his duty assignment in Nigeria crashed near the Lagos airport. He was joining the CDC team that had been participating in the Famine Relief Action in the minority areas and among the displaced populations resulting from the civil war. “Paul exemplified the best and the brightest, and the heart and the mission of CDC employees. We regret his untimely death. We are glad to be able to honor his sacrifice through this Memorial.” Smallpox Pioneers; Retirees; 30, 40, 50 Years of Service. Schnitker’s brother John spoke to the crowd and then Gerberding recognized CDC’s smallpox pioneers; CDC’s retirees “your many years of outstanding commitment ... have made CDC the world renowned agency it is today;” and CDC’s long-term employees, those with service over 30, 40 and 50 years.

She also thanked all CDC workers. "I want to thank each and every one of you. You make CDC proud each and everyday. Whether you are a bench scientist, a field assignee to Africa, a respondent to one of nature's disasters such as Katrina, an operator, an engineer, an emerging leader, a public health advisor, an EIS Officer, or anyone serving in CDC's over 170 job categories, you do important work and I am extremely proud to serve you as Director of CDC. Thank you, all our former employees who led the way, and all our current employees and contractors who are following in your footsteps but also creating new paths of excellence. Please use this place of peace—The CDC Public Health Memorial—to reflect upon the past and to plan the successes of the future."
Let the Games Begin!

CDC staff participated in field day events, ranging from volleyball and kickball, to all sorts of games, including potato sack races, tug of war, water balloon toss and more. There was also a rock-climbing wall and participants braved the climb, attempting to make it to the top. Brain or brawn, there was something for everyone. Many joined in the mind masters contests, playing trivia and family feud.

Winners included Ron Dumire of NIOSH and Terrie Slaton of OSI....

Sixty Years of Science

Former CDC Director **David Sencer, MD**, introduced **Steve Thacker's** talk on CDC, saying, "It's a privilege to be asked to introduce Steve Thacker. Steve came to CDC as an EIS officer in the class of 1976 not to avoid Korea or Vietnam, but rather to escape the wrath of the obstetrics community. In typical fashion Steve had analyzed the data and found that routine electronic fetal monitoring was no better than old fashioned use of the stethoscope. This constant questioning of validity has been a hallmark of his CDC career."

"Until his knees recognized that he was middle-aged he was a basketball addict. To use a vernacular from basketball, Steve has functioned as a sixth man off the bench—coming in when there was a problem and jump starting a correction. Injury prevention, environmental health and even the Office of the Director had problems and called on Steve. But he is happiest as the soul of the EIS, always fighting for them, always concerned about quality and always concerned about their and all of CDC career potential."

"The Commissioned Officer Performance Review used to have a series of multiple choice questions. Two that I think add to Steve's solid scientific credentials. The officer has a quiet and dignified manner. The officer is the type of person you want as a friend. I value my friendship with Steve."

History Presentation. Thacker shared his extensive knowledge of CDC's history in a remarkable look at its scientific accomplishments, 60 years in 60 minutes. His tour through history held the crowd's attention as he journeyed from malaria to Hurricane Katrina.

New Historian to be Hired. Gerberding announced that CDC will recruit a historian to actively chronicle the agency's story. She expects to name an appointment in a week or two.

Movies. CDC also held movie screenings including a showing of Outbreak, an original CDC video dedication of Bldg. 1 and 3, 40th anniversary tape, 50th Anniversary Here's to Life, and a taped History of CDC Presentation by Thacker.

Time Capsule. There were also scientific exhibits at the Global Health Odyssey, and a display of items uncovered from the old time capsule.

Health Fair. Employees also took part in a CDC health fair and visited booths and vendors on hand, which included table displays by CDC's employee organizations. Employee Organizations Alive and Active.

The Frosting on the Cake

Employees gathered for box lunches and polished lunch off with a piece of birthday cake. There were seven cakes on hand, one for each decade of CDC's 60 years, plus the overall big birthday cake. "There are several different cakes symbolic of our rich history, no pun intended," joked Gerberding, before blowing out the candles. The crowd swarmed the tables, laughing and talking with colleagues and former employees, as they wolfed down the delicious confections. Blue and white CDC balloons floated overhead, adding to the festive feeling.

Talent Show Draws Applause

Participants in the CDC talent show performed to a packed auditorium and had the audience on its feet, cheering, clapping and singing along. Donna Garland and John Anderton were mistress and master of ceremonies for the raucous event.

Participants included:

Welcome opening song and dance, The Talent Show Committee: Jane Suen, Connie Granoff, Allita Walker, Priscilla Patin, Linda Shelton

The Joseph Mountaineers Bluegrass Band: Reuben Fair, Beth Stevenson, Daniel Harper, Mike Soucie and Henry Rolka

Children's Dance from: Hindi movie "Garam Masala:" Liya Patel, Nikita Kakkad, Arya Bhatt and Britti Patel

Vocal solo, Linda Shelton

Stand-up Comedy, Marshall Quin

Vocal solo with guitar, Marla Bannerman

Double Violin Concerto in D Minor, 1st movement Vivace Composer, J.S. Bach: Lydia Lu and Emily Piltch

Vocal solo, **Michael Fraser**

Lip-Sync and Dance (Destiny's Wild): Rhonda Gissendanner, Daphanie Johnson and Christy Burr

Vocal duet: Stan Hardway and Kay Alexander

Dance Chicago Style Stepping: Consuella Cutright and Tony Craig

Vocal solo, Michael Ruiz

Vocal solo, Michelle Copeland

Vocal solo, Tracey Stewart

Motown Celebration Medley-DACH Celebration Singers: Evelyn Dunn, Laurie Elam-Evans, Camara Jones, Marguerite Mitchell, Louise Murphy, Henry Roberts and Sonya Robinson

The day ended on a high note, with the crowd singing along with the Motown Celebration, to the tune of We are Family, "We are CDC, our nation's public health agency. We are CDC, taking care of every body."

This Inside Story by CDC Connects reporter Kathy Nellis.

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**Anniversary Celebrations Abound All Around**  
**7/27/2006**

CDC celebrated its 60th anniversary at locations all around the country and beyond. Here's a look at some of the fun and festivities which took place in July.

**Hyattsville, Maryland, Celebrates with Ice Cream Social**

In Hyattsville, Md., the National Center for Health Statistics held a grand, old-fashioned ice cream social on July 18. Patricia Ragwar, MPH, NCHS' workforce and worklife coordinator, was the Mistress of Ceremony as approximately 150 staff, retirees, and contractors enjoyed music and ice cream. "The ice cream social gave a respite from the weather, which was one of the hottest days on record in metropolitan Washington, DC," she says.

Michael Sadagursky, management official, gave the welcome on behalf of the NCHS director Ed Sondik, PhD, and chief of staff **Lynn Austin, PhD**, represented CDC Director Julie Gerberding, MD, MPH, in recognizing all staff who have achieved 30, 40, and 50 years of service with CDC.

Children, in attendance at the celebration, sang "Happy Birthday," "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," and the "Fishy Fishy" song. More music was provided by public health advisor Nancy Sonnenfeld, PhD, and statisticians Chuck Croner, PhD, and Don Cherry. They sang several oldies, one of which was from the era of the 1960s "This Is Your Land and This Land Is My Land."

Birthday wishes were provided by IT specialist Ingrid Vassanelli of DHIS, and Linda Adams, EEO manager, gave remarks on the importance of diversity and EEO in the workplace. Librarian Mary Lou Bohlen set-up a memorabilia table of old books and articles from NCHS' second director, Theodore D. Woolsey.

"NCHS also recognized several charities to round out the program with a focus on community, volunteering, and being a good neighbor," says Ragwar. "Everyone had a great time participating in the celebration of this significant CDC milestone." For the finale, celebration participants signed a customized, poster-sized birthday card prepared by Kyung Park.

Events included:

Data User's Conference mixer.

Taped interviews of NCHS staffers' response to CDC's 60th Anniversary.

Birthday card poster with staff signatures.

Ice cream social.

NCHS quilt with the "tree motif" surrounded by a motif selected by each division (long-term project).

## Fort Collins, Colorado, Holds Talent Show; Plays Games Galore

The Division of Vector-borne Infectious Diseases (DVBID) in Fort Collins, Colo., celebrated CDC's 60th anniversary with gusto on July 14, says anniversary coordinator Karen Hauff. "We started our day in the main conference room with a continuous showing of our new Repellent Use PSA, starring several of our staff, and the History of CDC DVD." From there, the celebration moved to the shipping dock, which substituted as an outdoor stage for the introduction of four staff members who have been with CDC for 30 plus years, and the introduction of the 10 retirees in attendance. "Prior to the talent show and 'fashion' show, we enjoyed a dancing exhibition by four young people from the Larimer County 4H Dance Connection," continues Hauff. "Following the laughs of the talent show we grilled burgers, brats, and hot dogs, and enjoyed a potluck full of a variety of delightful contributions from our outstanding cooks."

The afternoon included carnival games of hole-in-one, ring toss, and balloon darts, to name a few of the fun-filled activities. "We picked our brains at the trivia-question booth, cooled off with a water-balloon toss, and heated it up again with a jalapeño-eating contest—the winner ate 15 in one minute!"

For each game played, participants received a ticket for a drawing at the end of the afternoon. And for each "win" participants received a number of tickets. "Our four grand-prize drawing winners won four tickets to the July 29, Rockies baseball game, a \$10 gift certificate to Starbucks, and two CDC anniversary t-shirts," exclaims Hauff.

"We continue to reminisce over the DVBID history picture-board displayed in the third floor hallway, and we look forward with anticipation to the next 60 (plus!) years," she adds.

### Events included:

Potluck BBQ.

Talent show.

Field-day activities (balloon toss, egg roll, 3-legged race, etc.).

Basketball free-throw challenge.

Viewing of the CDC History DVD.

Viewing of the new DVBID commercial (re: repellents) starring several of the Fort Collins staff.

Staff baby photo contest.

Honoring long-time CDC staff.

Art exhibit/scrappedbook of historical events surrounding DVBID staff.

## Staff Salute the Day in San Francisco with Streamers, Party Blowers

The San Francisco Quarantine Station celebrated the first 60 years of CDC in their office in the international terminal of San Francisco International Airport. Far from the Roybal and Clifton festivities, the five quarantine staff celebrated with streamers, party blowers, and lunch brought in from a French bistro.

Entertainment included a CDC trivia game and enjoying each other's company, says Rachel Jervis, MPH, CSTE applied epidemiology fellow.

Jervis, Officer-in-Charge Susan Dwyer, quarantine public health officers Andre Berro, Tony Chheang and Kurt Kleier calculated that they have 77 years of combined experience in public health, 59 (so close to 60!) of which have been with CDC!









Strong computer skills required. Experience with direct implementation of behavioral interventions preferred. Applicants must be available to travel. An equivalent combination of education and experience will be considered.

The Denver STD/HIV Prevention Training Center is a CDC-funded program of the Denver Public Health Department at Denver Health and Hospital Authority. We provide training in the area of evidence-based behavioral intervention strategies, including those targeted at persons living with HIV. Additionally, we offer program support courses for the development of skills to assist with the successful implementation of these interventions.

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